

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA CONVEYING THE 59TH LEGISLATURE'S HIGHEST HONOR AND DEEPEST RESPECT FOR
THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MONTANA'S ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS WHO
HAVE BEEN CALLED TO FEDERAL ACTIVE DUTY IN THE WAR ON TERROR.

WHEREAS, the Montana National Guard was first officially organized through a territorial legislative act
entitled "An Act to Organize and Regulate the Militia", which was approved May 10, 1887; and

WHEREAS, since its organization, the Montana National Guard has served not only the State of
Montana, but also the United States of America, when called to federal active duty service during the Spanish
American War, the Mexican Border Incident of 1916, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Operation
Desert Storm, and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia; and

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, more than 2,300 members (or more than 65%) of the Montana
National Guard, representing 20 units and detachments, have been called to federal active duty for service in
26 countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan, in the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS, ongoing federal operations involve continued deployments of Montana National Guard
members at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the deployments since September 11, 2001, represent the largest mobilization of Montana's
National Guard since World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Montana National Guard recently suffered its first combat fatality since World War II;
and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of Montana's National Guard members who put themselves in
harm's way or give their lives in service to our nation deserve the state's highest honor and deepest respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE STATE OF MONTANA:

1 That Montana's 59th Legislature convey its highest honor and deepest respect to Montana's Army and
2 Air National Guard members for their service and sacrifice on federal active duty in the War on Terror.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each unit of
4 the Montana National Guard.

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